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1. A method of installing a first self-contained data handling application to operate with a second, previously
5 installed, self-contained data handling application having at least one call routine which is executed when the second data handling application is operated, the method comprising:
 - 10 a) determining the presence of the second data handling application and, if it is present,
 - b) generating a link to a software routine provided by, and utilizing when executed, the first data handling application, which will be executed by the call routine in the second data handling
15 application.
2. A method according to claim 1, wherein step b) comprises creating source code defining the software routine for automatic implementation by the second data handling application.
- 20 3. A method according to claim 1, wherein the software routine controls a data modification operation by the second data handling application in dependence upon data stored in the first data handling application.
4. A method according to claim 1, wherein the call
25 routine is only implemented by the second data handling application under certain predetermined conditions.
5. A database system comprising first and second self-contained data handling applications, the second data handling application having at least one call routine which
30 is executed when the second data handling application is operated, the call routine causing a software routine provided by, and utilizing, the first data handling application, to be executed.
6. A system according to claim 5, wherein the software
35 routine controls a data modification operation by the second data handling application in dependence upon data stored in the first data handling application.

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7. A system according to claim 5, wherein the call routine is only implemented by the second data handling application under certain predetermined conditions.

8. A computer program product including code defining a
5 first self-contained data handling application for use with a second self-contained data handling application having at least one call routine which is executed when the second data handling application is operated; and code defining installation software for:

- 10 a) determining the presence of the second data handling application and, if it is present,
 b) generating a link to a software routine provided by, and utilizing when executed, the first data handling application, which will be executed by
15 the call routine in the second data handling application.

9. A computer program product according to claim 8, wherein step b) comprises creating a source code defining the software routine for automatic execution by the second
20 data handling application.

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